

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the invention as follows:

**DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CHANGING ~~DATA FOR~~ CONNECTION TYPES
BETWEEN A FIXED OR VARIABLE STATE WITH AN EXTERNAL SWITCHING UNIT**

Please insert the following paragraph to page 1, line 4 of the specification:

This application is a continuation application of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from, Patent Cooperation Treaty ("PCT") International Patent Application No. PCT/JP99/04075, filed on July 29, 1999 and pending at the filing of this application. The priority application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.